GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Impact on Health, Nutrition and Education of Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

a) Whether the Government has taken not that there is a huge impact on health, nutrition and education of children in the country due to the allocations for Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Mid-Day-Meal Scheme, Sarva Shikha Abhiyan etc has been decreased;

b) if so, the details thereof; and

c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)
(a) to (c) The budget allocation for some of the centrally sponsored schemes including ICDS has been reduced for the year 2015-16 against the backdrop of substantial higher devolution of taxes of 42% to the States to give more flexibility to States in implementation of Schemes and expected higher share from State.

However, allocation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme for current financial year has been increased from Rs. 8335.77 to Rs. 15485.77 crore. The funds for Supplementary Nutrition are released to the States on the basis of number of beneficiaries availing the service. Therefore, there will be no impact on the nutrition of the children due to decrease of allocation of funds under ICDS.
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